

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods and the like to size, comprising:

a pair of stationary cutting means connected to a stationary handle; and

movable cutting means one of which is connected to a stationary handle and the other one of which is adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a movable handle and transmission means,

said stationary and movable cutting means having associated therewith known per-se replaceable, concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock,

the stationary and movable cutting means having pivot bores through their front free ends opposite the handles,

said pivot bores having passed therethrough a shank screw about which said movable cutting means can be pivoted relatively to the stationary cutting means,

said pivot bores extending asymmetrically through the outer free ends of the stationary and movable cutting means, and said front free ends having formed thereon a radially outer portion of increased material thickness and a radially inner portion of reduced material thickness, and

characterized by the stationary and movable cutting means (11, 12) having mutually facing guide shoulders (35) thereon, with and the cutting elements (30, 31) having shoulders (35a) thereon by means of which they are inserted for inserting the cutting elements flush in

into the guide shoulders-(35) of a respective one of the stationary and movable cutting means (11, 12).

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 11, ~~characterized by said replaceable cutting elements-(30a, 31a) being flat shoulder-less mirror-image plate elements cut from solid full-hardened rod material.~~

4. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 11, ~~characterized by the~~ cutting elements-(30a, 31a) having chamfers-(45) at their front free ends-(48) and by the cutting elements-(30a, 31a) each being adapted to be placed by said chamfers-(45) under internally located reduced-thickness portions-(43) of the respective opposite one of the stationary and movable cutting means-(11a, 12a).

5. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The manual cutting means as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 11, ~~characterized by the~~ cutting elements-(30a, 31a) having mutually facing relief angles-(38, 38a) merging with corresponding chamfered cutting angles-(42) of the stationary and movable cutting means-(11a, 12a).

6. (Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, ~~characterized by wherein cutting elements means-(11, 11a, 12, 12a) having in the region of their shoulders (35, 35a) radially inwardly extending chamfered cutting angles-(39, 42) merging with corresponding relief angles-(38, 38a) of the cutting elements-(30, 30a, 31, 31a).~~

7. (Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~the~~ cutting elements ~~(30, 30a, 31, 31a)~~ having different relief angles ~~(38, 38a)~~ and cutting
angles ~~(39, 42)~~ ~~in dependence~~ depending on ~~the a~~ material to be severed.

8. (Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~the~~ cutting elements ~~(30, 30a, 31, 31a)~~ being concavely shaped and being adapted to be
connected with the stationary and movable cutting means ~~(11, 11a, 12, 12a)~~ in a precise fit
by centering means ~~(32, 32a, 33, 34, 34a)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~the~~ replaceable cutting elements ~~(30, 30a, 31, 31a)~~ having different hardness levels ~~in~~
~~dependence~~ depending on ~~the a~~ material to be severed.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods to size,
comprising:

stationary cutting means connected to a stationary handle; and

movable cutting means adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a
movable handle and transmission means,

said stationary and movable cutting means having associated therewith replaceable,
concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock,

the stationary and movable cutting means having pivot bores through their front free
ends opposite the handles,

said pivot bores having passed therethrough a shank screw about which said movable cutting means can be pivoted relatively to the stationary cutting means,

said pivot bores extending asymmetrically through the outer free ends of the stationary and movable cutting means, and said front free ends having formed thereon a radially outer portion of increased material thickness and a radially inner portion of reduced material thickness.

12. (New) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, the stationary and movable cutting means having mutually facing guide shoulders, and the cutting elements having shoulders for inserting the cutting elements flush into the guide shoulders of the stationary and movable cutting means.

13. (New) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, said replaceable cutting elements having in their rear surfaces holding grooves by means of which they are floatingly mounted in a frictional and shaped-locked manner in the stationary and movable cutting means on matingly shaped holding tabs located in the region of guide shoulders of the stationary and movable cutting means.